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FOR: NUCLEIC ACID SEPARATION  
USING IMMOBILIZED METAL  
AFFINITY CHROMATOGRAPHY

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**NUCLEIC ACID SEPARATION USING IMMOBILIZED METAL AFFINITY CHROMATOGRAPHY**

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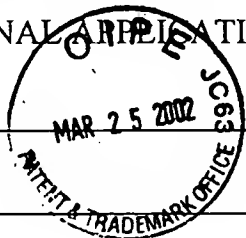
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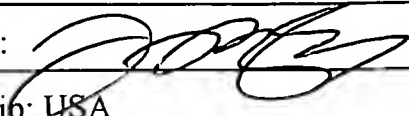
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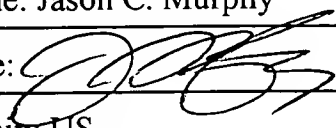
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